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Timely Tidbits ...

Blood Drive Set

Romulus High School's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) members will sponsor a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, November 2, in the High School gymnasium.

Anyone wishing to make an appointment may do so by calling teacher Terri Brinston at the High School (734-941-2170, ext. 702.)

Church Hosts Antique Appraisal Show

The Community United Methodist Women's Fall Antique Appraisal Show will be held at the church (11160 Olive in downtown Romulus) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 10. Antiques will be appraised (two items for \$10) on a first-come/first-served basis. Other highlights will include crafts, homemade candy, baked goods, and lunch fare.

Craft tables (\$20) are still available. For more information, call Gloria (734-941-2678) or the church (941-0736).

Arts & Craft Show

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual Arts & Crafts Show in the Belleville High School cafeteria on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend and enjoy craft shopping and refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Chamber's building fund.

Rummage Sale, Bazaar at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is hosting a couple of special events in the next few weeks.

The first, a rummage sale, is set for Friday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Then on Thursday, November 1, the church will host a sauerkraut dinner, bake sale, and bazaar from 5 to 7 p.m.

Both events are open to the public. □

Mayoral, Council Candidates Speak Out

By Kristi Stephens

In order to help voters prepare for the November 6 election, *The Romulus News* recently mailed a brief questionnaire to all mayoral and city council candidates and invited them to respond.

Since we have no wish to invade anyone's privacy, all queries in the first part of our questionnaire – "biographical data" – were labeled optional; however, everyone was encouraged to supply as much information as possible to help voters judge each candidate's background and experience, as well as his/her knowledge of and dedication to the community.

For the second portion of the questionnaire, candidates were asked to respond to a series of questions as specifically as possible, avoiding vague generalizations and confining their answers to the scope of the questions. (As you read, you can judge for yourself how well they followed these directions.) No limit was placed on answer lengths; candidates were invited to take as much space as they needed.

The mayoral candidates' questions were:

Question #1

If you are (re)elected to the office of mayor, what single issue will be your primary concern? Keeping in mind the powers and limitations of your position, how will you go about accomplishing your aim?

Question #2

With the understanding that all are in need of improvement, which one of the following types of development – residential, commercial, "infrastructure" (roads, sidewalks, street lights, sewers, drains, etc.), public safety, or recreation – should be our city's foremost goal in the next four years? Why? How will you facilitate this goal?

Question #3

What do you believe is our city's greatest strength? What is its greatest weakness, and what can be done to improve it?

Question #4

What was the most important lesson you learned from the September 11 terrorist attacks? In what way could you, as mayor, apply that lesson for the betterment of Romulus?

Question #5

Why are you running for mayor, and what makes you the *best* candidate?

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Alan R. Lambert

Alan R. Lambert

Age:

- 46

Education:

- Romulus High School
- Schoolcraft College

Occupation (past and present):

- Romulus Police Officer for past 14 years
- General Motors/UAW member for 14 years before leaving to become a police officer

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Councilman in Romulus from 1981 to 1988
- Current President of the Romulus Board of Education
- Romulus Democratic Club
- 13th District Democratic Organization

Other community-service work:

- Volunteer work with senior citizens and various youth groups

Military service:

- —

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Divorced for 10 years

Children:

- Four daughters (Cary, Sara, Jenny, and Kallena)
- One son (Justin)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 46 years

Telephone number:

- 734-740-1099

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Mayor William M. Oakley

William M. Oakley

Age:

- 71

Education:

- Romulus High School graduate

Occupation (past and present):

- Currently: Mayor, City of Romulus
- Prior Occupations: professional builder, business owner, and public servant

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus Township Charter Commission
- Romulus City Council
- Mayor, City of Romulus
- Romulus Community Schools Board of Education
- Romulus Rotary (member and past president; 37 years perfect attendance)
- Community United Methodist Church (volunteer)
- Romulus Goodfellows (volunteer)
- St. Aloysius Festival (volunteer)
- Romulus Boys & Girls Club (volunteer)

Other community-service work:

- See above

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married 51 years to Mary Oakley

Children:

- William M. Oakley, Jr. (wife: Terri)
- Sheila M. Stasak (husband: Jim)
- Lisa Oakley-Watts (husband: John)
- Brian A. Oakley (wife: Susanne)

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Letters to the Editor

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Mayor Gets the Job Done

Dear Editor:

I am a fairly new resident of the City of Romulus and have been impressed by the caliber and character of this community. Because I am new to the city, it's easy for me to be the outsider looking in for citizens who have lived here for many years.

With three weeks and counting until election day, both Mayoral and City Council candidates have their campaigns in full swing. So, whether they are making phone calls, talking to their constituents on the street, or shaking hands and kissing babies, inevitably the citizens of this city have already begun to formulate opinions about the candidates—specifically, opinions about Mayor William Oakley and Alan Lambert.

I have observed a lot of dialogue going on in and around the city, including the letters printed in this newspaper. Dialogues like these are great ways to express opinions about the candidates running for Mayor of Romulus. However, as the election draws near, I must tell you that I have read a lot of letters from Lambert supporters that have included mudslinging and debasing Mayor Oakley's reputation. I know I am new to this city; however, I have observed the Mayor as an honorable man and hard worker who gets the job done.

In the October 5, 2001 edition of this newspaper, there were a few comments made about why downtown Romulus has no American flags. Could it be, quite possibly, that the Mayor and his staff are utilizing their time and skills to formulate plans to protect our city? I would hope so. Why? Well, for one: we are close to the airport (obviously). Secondly, we have manufacturing facilities that could be utilized in a time of war.

Even though downtown does not have flags, I believe the Mayor was proactively doing things that were patriotic, which some citizens can argue didn't meet their personal desires. The Mayor did head up several fund-raisers, including one for the Red Cross Relief Fund (which was matched 100% by Comerica Bank—how many of you read that in the paper?).

From what I have read in the local papers' opinion sections, most comments come from Mr. Lambert's supporters, who continuously lambaste and degrade the present Mayor's actions and decisions (which, by the way, have to be approved by City Council—who we also elect). I have lived in other communities that parallel what I see in this city's elections—one-sided mudslinging, cheap shots, and uninformed citizens who are not clear on the facts.

The one thing that I hope every registered voter here will do is to become well-informed and knowledgeable about both candidates for Mayor—as I am proactively doing as a new resident. After all, whoever wins this election is who will decide the future of this city that we all share and live in.

Christina Camilli

Video Techs for Oakley

To the Editor:

Romulus Community Schools video technicians are supporting Mayor Bill Oakley in the November 6 election. He has done a great job in turning our city around and making many improvements to city services.

Steven Mientkiewicz
Stephen Harper

Let Kids Be Kids

To the Editor:

We are sinking billions into the fight against air pollution. Why is no one concerned about mind pollution?

There are those who rake in billions of dollars from the sale of pornography and insist that "pornography is a victimless crime." Not so! The lives of many women will testify to the extent that their marriages (and their very lives) have been ravaged because of their husband's addiction to pornography. And no one could argue with the ravaged lives of innocent children victimized by child pornographers!

During the past eight years, the pornographers have enjoyed the free ride provided by President Clinton and his administration, who absolutely refused to prosecute them. Even now, the YAHOO! Internet Website is not a safe place for children and families since they accept ads and information for prostitutes, incest clubs, and child-sex solicitors, and offer photos and video tapes.

Efforts to clean up this Website have thus far been unsuccessful, probably because consumers would not believe that the problem even exists (until irreparable damage has been done!), or that children are allowed free access

to the Internet in most public libraries. The "no discrimination because of age" policy is advocated by both the National Education Association and the Library Association. "Age appropriateness" is no longer a consideration. Check with your local library to make sure that what they say, they do. Just because areas are labeled "adults" or "juvenile" does not mean that Internet access is restricted or enforced in those areas!

Let kids be kids! Their innocent young minds should not be forced to deal with adult problems which are beyond their physical and mental capabilities, just to satisfy adult lustful passions! We love our kids. They are worth our protection, so let's protect them!

Attorney General John Ashcroft has pledged to prosecute pornographers to the fullest extent of the law, but perhaps he needs some public support. Let's clean up Michigan and rid our state of the mind pollution that runs so rampant and unchecked.

It's a lot more serious and more devastating than our battle against air pollution.

Lucille Raymond

Click It or Ticket!

Dear Editor:

Recent studies have indicated that the use of seat belts and child safety seats has recently declined in Michigan. Several projects will be undertaken by the Romulus Police Department in October to insure that citizens continue to obey this State of Michigan law and to improve compliance.

This month, the Romulus Police Department, Romulus Police Explorers, and Romulus High School SAAD members will be doing Observational Seat Belt Surveys to monitor the seat belt usage of motorists traveling Romulus streets. A unique aspect of the project will be the monitoring of students arriving and departing from the High School.

Also during October, the Romulus Police Department will participate in the Click It or Ticket enforcement project by assigning police officers to strictly enforce seat belt and child seat restraint violations in Romulus. During the enforcement period, 156 hours of patrol time will be funded for this activity.

Therefore: "Buckle Up for Safety."
Lt. James E. Rafalski □

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Guest Commentary

City Must Address Needs of the Aging

By Barry Baumann, candidate for Romulus City Council

The City election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, could prove to be a challenging event for Romulus voters. As a City Council candidate, I have attempted to put issues before residents via this column. The issue I will write about today is one that no other candidate to date has touched – but one that I feel needs to be addressed.

As "baby boomers" age, it is incumbent upon the City to be prepared to deal with the needs of senior citizens. That goes into the areas of affordable senior housing and retail, as well as other senior needs. Romulus today is experiencing a mild housing boom, with a number of new housing subdivisions being constructed. But I have heard of no plans to deal with senior housing. There exists a lack of affordable senior housing today in many area communities, and this prior to the "baby boomers" entering the "senior" ages. So, do we stand still in Romulus, or do we plan

for the future? I say we plan for the future!

With State laws being changed to make it easier for residents to lose their homes for delinquent taxes, this seriousness is one that proposes to be a future nightmare. Senior homeowners currently struggle to pay taxes, and with health care and other expenses expected to dramatically increase in years to come, we *must* be prepared to meet this challenge. We cannot wait for this to become a crisis in a few years.

It also reflects the necessity of bringing retail into the City – not only for the convenience of Romulus residents, but for our own current and future senior population. Our consumer dollars need to stay in Romulus. I am committed to address this issue on Council if elected. I believe it is important to deal with issues before they become a problem. I believe that helping our senior population is important.

It will be up to Romulus voters to decide that issue, as well. □

Guest Commentary

With Freedom Comes Responsibility

By Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus

Having had the privilege of serving our community for the last four years, I wanted to take a few minutes to clarify my position regarding recent incidents which have occurred during council meetings over the last few weeks. My record on issues affecting the City of Romulus speaks for itself; my views, my votes, and my actions are a matter of public record. However, perhaps even more important to me is my reputation as a person, one who holds high standards for myself and my peers. Integrity is the value I hold most sacred of all.

Recently, I have come under attack as someone who has tried to suppress one of our dearest rights as Americans: the freedom of speech. During one of our meetings, I sided with one of the Council members who called a speaker for being out of order. For this action, I have been labeled as someone who believes in eliminating an individual's right to free speech. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Why did I support the action to silence the speaker at that particular meeting? The process of conducting a meeting relies on pre-established guidelines and standards as to how the meeting should be run. These "rules" also provide for the timing of when an individual may speak. Officially, those who wish to state their views can do so:

- by filing a petition with the City Clerk to speak to the Council for an unlimited time, about any issue, at the beginning of the meeting, or
- during the open discussion time, where an individual has the opportunity to speak for three minutes on a specific issue.

The speaker who was called out of order was silenced because he attempted to speak while a motion was on the floor – clearly a time where public input is prohibited. My support of the "out of order" ruling was, in fact, to support the process of free speech, which needs to occur during times which are provided for in our procedures. Very simply, I support any individual's right to present his/her ideas to the Council, as long as he/she takes the responsibility to do so at the appropriate time provided by our meeting procedures.

In fact, I feel that there needs to be even *greater* input from people in our community. In order to provide even greater opportunities for free speech, I proposed two years ago that at the second meeting of the month, we hold "Chat with the Council," which was adopted as part of our pre-meeting

agenda. Any citizen has the opportunity to come and discuss with the Council any issue that is affecting them, their families, and the community. Although this opportunity has proven successful, we still need to have more people take advantage of it.

In addition, I called for a "study session" to discuss the procedures that are outlined on the back of the meeting agenda. Recognizing that these procedures have never been formally acknowledged by the City Clerk, I felt that we should discuss them, make any necessary changes, and formally adopt them as a Council, in order to make our meetings more effective.

My opponents accused me of delaying the study session until after the election. After discussing this idea with my colleagues on the Council, it was agreed that addressing this issue during the election campaign could be seen by some to be politically motivated, and the decision was made to postpone the study session until after the election. Unfortunately, one of the Council members attempted to accuse me of hiding something from the voters and, in fact, attempted to use the study session for political gain. Based upon our discussion during the last Council meeting, I am happy at least that the idea of recognizing formal procedures for conducting our meeting is now on the table, even if this idea is being used to hurt my efforts to continue on the Council.

Finally, my reputation and credibility is being attacked by certain individuals who have said that, after the conclusion of a Council meeting, I badgered or had some physical altercation with a citizen. Many individuals who were present witnessed the entire incident. My efforts to speak to the individual were not to criticize him, but to clarify my views regarding public involvement at our meetings. Again, those whose political views are different than mine have continued to present false accusations and distortions of the truth. This time, however, my character is being questioned – something that I cannot tolerate.

As a public official, I understand that my stance on a particular issue, my support of other public figures, and my voting record is up for scrutiny by the public. I welcome everyone who has a different view to talk to me, to disagree with me, and to hear why I feel a certain way. I understand that not everyone will agree with me on every issue; that happens in a democracy, and we all need to fully support this process.

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Alan R. Lambert*continued from page 1***Answer #1**

Underlying all the things I would like to accomplish for the community is the harsh fact that a secure tax base is the foundation of a healthy and successful community.

In the presence of business and industry we find jobs, need for housing and a stable tax generator to the benefit of the city and the school district.

To accomplish the kind of employment opportunities that enable people to establish homes, a community leader must show, through judicious application of zoning and other assistance, an understanding of what kind of employment provides that opportunity without doing damage to the community or its image.

Among the poorer beneficial generators are truck terminals and warehousing that provide few local jobs while doing considerable damage to roads and public safety. With the threat of terrorist activity, and the seeming ease of using trucks as a delivery vehicle for explosives, this is an activity that deserves close scrutiny and tight controls.

Being sure that the boards and commissions that control and recommend those decisions have a thorough understanding of the community needs is crucial. The City's Master Plan is in dire need of revision to recognize today's realities.

Answer #2

Given accomplishment of the goals of question #1, my next imperative will be to attract the kind of service industries that our population needs. Grocery and other retail opportunities are desperately needed. With that kind of improvement in our local economy, the rest will follow. Cooperative efforts between the city and the private sector using the helps and enhancements available can insure success, and the same with a recreation center for our residents through grants and federal monies and not at the cost of the residents.

Answer #3

I believe our greatest strength is also our greatest weakness: Wayne County's Metropolitan Airport. Like it or not, it provides employment, personal property tax revenue, State shared payroll taxes and a beneficial environment for travel-related activities.

I believe we are not optimizing our revenue-generating opportunities from fees and charges against the airport development, the hotel industry and certainly not from major land theft perpetrated by Wayne County.

Answer #4

While it is obvious that no city can prepare for the actions of an immoral attack by fanatics with evil purpose, certain precautions must be put into place.

Our duty to protect our citizens can be addressed in part by our Emergency Management Department. But we must be proactive. We must make serious plans for the evacuation of the public to a safe haven. Through intergovernmental cooperation utilizing existing liaisons, such plans must be undertaken. The mayor must take an active role in emergency planning and not delegate the responsibility to persons without community investment, understanding and history of service. All city personnel must be trained to recognize the opportunity for mischief that exists and be knowledgeable in methods of dealing with potential incidents.

Answer #5

I am willing to take up the responsibilities of leadership through the office of Mayor because I believe I have the training and background to accomplish what needs to be done to make Romulus the city we all believe it could and should be.

I am a candidate with a vision of the future along with an understanding of the past. Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to make the same mistakes in the future. I will not turn the clock back; I will bravely address the future of a changing world and help Romulus to find its rightful place.

William M. Oakley*continued from page 1*

- nine grandchildren

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 71

Telephone number:

- City: 734-942-7500
- Headquarters: 734-941-4180

Answer #1

My primary concern will center around the continued growth and development of the City of Romulus. Our city has been labeled a "Boomtown" and one of the fastest growing cities in Wayne County. I plan to go forward with the residential and commercial development in our city; to maintain our city's buildings, equipment, and roads and expand its parks; and to continue with a conservative spending policy in order to avoid increasing our municipal taxes.

I plan to accomplish these objectives by following the same process which has characterized my past administration: tough but fair negotiation with developers, maintaining a high level of professionalism at City Hall, and working to keep a high quality of civil services at our low municipal tax rate.

Answer #2

Although this was true for many years, all the areas listed are no longer in need of the extensive improvement which is outlined. My administration has made remarkable progress in updating and repairing much of our aging infrastructure. In addition to repairing our roads, sewers, and water lines, over 1,600 new homes are in various phases of construction. The level of commercial/industrial growth in Romulus is breaking all records. The modernization of our police and fire infrastructure, as well as the addition of new personnel to these departments, makes our public safety capabilities greater today than they have ever been.

The next great achievement for Romulus needs to be the expansion of recreational opportunities for her citizens. I believe that the only effective way to move forward with this project is to empower the citizens to attract the

support such a project requires. It has been proven time and time again in Romulus – citizen volunteers can make the difference.

Answer #3

I believe that our city's greatest strength lies in our location. Our unique combination of air, rail, and expressway access provides Romulus with the opportunity to continue our growth. Due to these advantages, a strong administration is vital in order to direct the development of our city and to ensure that it is not taken advantage of.

Our city's greatest weakness could only be to go backwards – to believe in promises instead of proven progress.

Answer #4

I think that the greatest lesson I learned from the September 11 attacks was just how great our nation and our city can be. Our community has been overwhelmingly generous and supportive of the victims and their families. I have also been reminded that every day is important, and must be looked upon as a gift. It is this ability to put aside all of our differences and to stand as a united nation which I would extend as a lesson for the betterment of Romulus.

Answer #5

The reason that I am running for reelection as Mayor of Romulus is to finish what I started. There is no other candidate with the qualifications and experience necessary to assure that Romulus reaches its full potential.

Our community is the one to watch. We are building new houses, attracting new businesses, increasing our population, and improving our infrastructure. Our level of growth is bringing us unmatched prosperity. We have lowered taxes, not once but twice. Our growing population has allowed the school district to build the new Romulus Elementary School and finally lower their taxes too. The decrease in taxes will attract still more new residents, which will allow them to further lower taxes.

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**William CROVA**

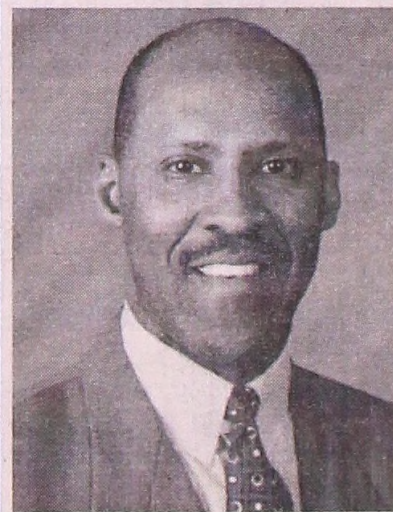
Dear Citizens of Romulus,

Thank you for electing me in 1995 to serve on the Romulus City Council.

I have lived in Romulus all of my life and have been actively involved with many civic and charitable organizations. As a Romulus property owner, taxpayer, business owner, husband, parent, and involved citizen. **I am aware of the important issues facing our community.** It would be my privilege to serve you on the Romulus City Council and **I would appreciate your vote.**

Thank You,
Bill Crova

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Candidates' Q&A

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The council candidates' questions were:

Question #1

If you are (re) elected to city council, what single issue will be your primary concern? Keeping in mind that your vote will be only one of seven cast, how will you go about accomplishing your aim?

Question #2

With the understanding that all are in need of improvement, which one of the following types of development – residential, commercial, "infrastructure" (roads, sidewalks, street lights, sewers, drains, etc.), public safety, or recreation – should be our city's foremost goal in the next four years? Why? How can city council help the administration accomplish this goal?

Question #3

Given the recent controversy on the subject, what are your thoughts about when and how long citizens should be allowed to speak at council meetings?

Question #4

What do you believe is the greatest strength of the current city council? What is its greatest weakness?

Question #5

Why are you running for city council, and what makes you the *best* candidate?

The council candidates' answers – presented in alphabetical order (by last name), so as to avoid any appearance of favoritism – begin on this page. (Note: candidates Charles Miller and Steven Lewkowicz did not respond.) □

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Barry Baumann



Barry Baumann

Age:

- 50

Education:

- St. Aloysius Catholic School
- St. Mary's High School (1968)
- St. Mary's College (B.A. 1972)

Occupation (past and present):

- Wayne County – Department Supervisor, Food Commodity Program (1994 to present)
- State of Michigan – State Senate Technician (1984 to 1991)

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus City Council (1981 to 1987)
- Romulus Planning Commission (1981 to 1985)
- Romulus Little League (Manager, 1972 to 1981; Board member at various times)
- Romulus Building Authority (Chairman, 1999 to present)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 45 years (born and raised in Romulus)

Telephone number:

- 734-595-3230

Answer #1

While I believe there are several issues that could be singled out in this question, the one I feel strongly about is affordable senior-citizen housing. The "baby boom" generation is continuing to age, yet, as we see in many communities, affordable senior housing is at a premium. I believe strongly that we, as a city, should be proactive rather than reactive. I would go about accomplishing this by enlisting the support of other council members and working with the city administration to secure funding.

A goal would also be to bring another grocery retail outlet to the downtown area to help accommodate our current senior residents.

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LeRoy D. Burcroff



LeRoy D. Burcroff

Age:

- 37

Education:

- Romulus High School
- Henry Ford Community College
- Michigan Municipal League – Level 1 Certification for Elected Officials Academy

Occupation (past and present):

- Director of Sales for Bearing Service, Inc., of Livonia

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Community United Methodist Church (member, Chairman of Church Administrative Board, President of Methodist Men's Club)
- Romulus Boys & Girls Club (Board member)
- Chamber of Commerce (member)
- Romulus High School Alumni Association (member)

Other community-service work:

- Proposed and led City's "Clean Sweep" project for past 4 years

Military service:

- None

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married – Jerilynn

Children:

- Dean (11), Brad (10), & Nancy (6)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 37 (all my life)

Telephone number:

- 734-467-8058

Answer #1

I will continue to work hard with the administration to encourage positive development for our city. We have a unique opportunity to shape the future with our undeveloped land. It is critical that we bring in the best possible projects to our city. Once the development takes place, that is what we will have to live with.

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William A. Crova



William A. Crova

Age:

- 54

Education:

- Romulus High School
- Cleary Business College

Occupation (past and present):

- Self-employed as co-owner of Crova GMC Trucks, Inc.

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus City Council (1995 to present)
- St. Aloysius Church
- Romulus Rotary (President, 1974 to 1975)
- Romulus Planning Commission (1990 to present; Chairperson, 1991 to 1995)
- Michigan Municipal League – Level One Certified

Other community-service work:

- Former Romulus Volunteer Fireman and Rescue Unit
- Senior Alliance Holiday Meals
- Romulus Community Schools Finance Committee (1993 to 1995)

Military service:

- Michigan Air National Guard (1966 to 1972)

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Carol

Children:

- Mary & Karen

Number of years living in Romulus:

- Lifelong (54 years)

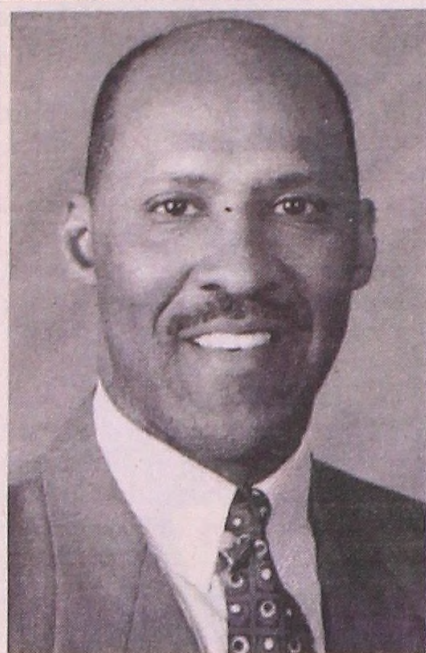
Telephone number:

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Answer #1

To me, the single biggest issue in Romulus is the fact of keeping Romulus fiscally sound. As we continue to grow in reference to residential and commercial, this is what helps us to fund projects that we have in the community. We have been involved in a major road rebuilding fund, we have continued to

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Randolph Gear**Randolph Gear****Age:**

- 50

Education:

- Educational Specialist, Wayne State University

Occupation (past and present):

- Currently: Assistant Principal, Bates Academy (K-8), Detroit Public Schools
- Formerly: High school teacher

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Mayor Pro Tem, City of Romulus
- St. Aloysius Catholic Church (member)

Other community-service work:

- After-school baseball/basketball coach
- After-school mentorship program participant

Military service:

- Currently serve in the United States Army Reserve (16 years)

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married – Shawn E. Gear

Children:

- None

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 50 years

Telephone number:

- 734-942-9049

Answer #1

Since 1991, I have been a supporter of keeping Romulus environmentally clean and safe. As a city councilman, I will continue to vote on issues that will protect the health and welfare of our residents – for now and years to come.

Answer #2

I believe that our city's foremost goal in the next four years should be a combination of both good infrastructure and single residential homes. We are currently making positive strides toward attracting new development to Romulus.

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Donald R. Morris**Donald R. Morris****Age:**

- 55

Education:

- Graduate, Romulus Schools (1964)
- Graduate, Michigan State University (1968)

Occupation (past and present):

- Romulus Community Schools – Director of Maintenance and Operations (March 2000 to present)
- Total Petroleum, Michigan Operation (1983 to 1997; Operations Manager during final two and a half years)
- Huron Valley Oil Company, Imlay City Oil Company, and McPherson Oil Company – Stockholder (1971 to 1983)

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus Planning Commission (member)
- City of Romulus Compensation Commission (former member)
- Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority (former member)
- Romulus Rotary Club (member, past President)
- Board of Directors, People's Community Hospital Authority (former Romulus representative)

Other community-service work:

- Assisted with the Senior Alliance Holiday Meal Program

Military service:

- No

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Connee

Children:

- Eric (35) & Kristin (33)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 55 years

Telephone number:

- 734-941-2838

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Michael A. Prybyla**Michael A. Prybyla****Age:**

- 60

Education:

- Immaculate Conception Grade School, Hamtramck
- Laura F. Osborn High School, Detroit
- B.S., Environmental Health, Ferris University, Big Rapids
- Master's, Environmental Health Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Occupation (past and present):

- Romulus City Council, 1993 to present
- Northwest Airlines, 1996 to present (presently laid off)
- Wayne County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, 1966 to 1994 (retired)

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Democratic Club (current)
- Romulus Rotary Club (1981 to present; President 1987 to 1988)
- St. Aloysius Usher Club (past)
- Aquinas School Board (past; past Vice-chairman)

Other community-service work:

- Little League Baseball and Football coach/agent

Military service:

- —

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married/Midge (Evelyn), 34 years

Children:

- Children: Lee Michael and Heather Dusseau
- Grandsons: Noah (2 years) and Justin (15 months)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 35

Telephone number:

- 734-941-2356

Answer #1

The one single issue which is my

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Wandra V. Raspberry**Wandra V. Raspberry****Education:**

- Presently attending Eastern Michigan University, majoring in computer information systems

Occupation (past and present):

- Former secretary, Romulus Adult Education
- Former data entry clerk, Emery Worldwide Freight Company
- Former administrative secretary, Youngstown Area Community Action Council
- Former job developer, Model Cities project

Military service:

- N/A

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Jimmie C. Raspberry

Children:

- Alana & Romona

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 25

Telephone number:

- 734-331-2345

Answer #1

There are many issues to address and it is hard to single out just one. At the present, I'd like to see a major-chain grocery store and outlet mall.

Answer #2

The city's foremost goal should definitely be infrastructure. We do not need anymore industrial/commercial complexes in this city. If council would work together, do research, and submit grant proposals in hopes of accomplishing this, it can happen. What is needed is unity, not fame. We have a community development director and city council should question what he is doing.

Answer #3

I feel that citizens should be able to speak for at least five minutes – and, with discretion, even longer if the subject matter seems to merit it. Everyone is entitled to speak and should be given that right, no matter how painfully it may sometimes expose the city council.

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Debbie Romak**Debbie Romak****Age:**

- 47

Education:

- Romulus High School graduate, 1972

Occupation (past and present):

- Wife/mother
- Former part-time employee, Romulus Community Schools

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Citizens Advisory Group, Wayne County Commission (past member)
- Compensation Review Board (past member)
- Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force (past member)
- Barth Elementary School PTC (past Vice-president)
- Romulus Environmentalists Care About People/RECAP (member)
- Romulus Democratic Club (member)

Military service:

- None

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Ted Romak

Children:

- Ryan and Lauren

Number of years living in Romulus:

- Lifelong

Telephone number:

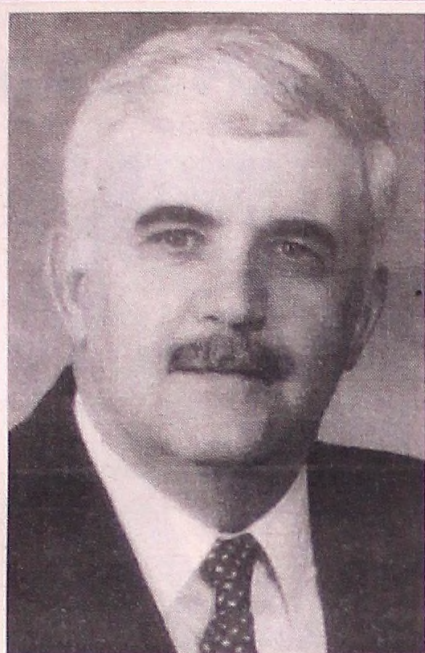
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Answer #1

Romulus has very many unique issues. All are important with equal concern.

- Recreation – using creative methods for funding.
- Future senior housing and improved services related to the needs of seniors.
- Residential development – we must ensure compatibility with adjacent uses of land, promoting the use in a desirable manner.

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Bill Wadsworth**Bill Wadsworth****Age:**

- 57

Education:

- Diploma, St. Andrew High School, Detroit (1962)
- Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice, Henry Ford Community College
- Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice, Madonna College

Occupation (past and present):

- Deputy, Wayne County Sheriff's Department – 34 years (currently: uniformed police sergeant/shift supervisor, Metro Airport)

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus City Council – 1983 to present (longest continuous-serving councilman in the city's history)
- St. Aloysius Catholic Church (member, 34 years)

Other community-service work:

- Romulus Goodfellows
- Romulus Flyers

Military service:

- U.S. Army (1962 to 1965)

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married 35 years to Jean (R.N., Oakwood Hospital–Belleville)

Children:

- Three married sons: John (Julie), James (Toni), and Billy (Jamie)
- Two grandchildren (children of John and Julie): Sarah (age 4) and Andrew (age 2)

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 35 years

Telephone number:

- 734-941-0616
- e-mail: wilwadsworth@tir.com

Answer #1

To focus on only a single issue and not others would be wrong, but one issue would be expansion at Metro Airport.

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Christopher Walock**Christopher Walock****Age:**

- 21

Education:

- Graduate, Southgate Anderson High School (1997)
- One year of general studies, Eastern Michigan University

Occupation (past and present):

- Art Van Furniture (2000 to present)
- Pioneer Communications (February 2000 to April 2000)
- Personnel Management (June 1998 to January 2000)
- Art Van Furniture (June 1996 to May 1998)

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Moose Lodge #1620
- Student Council (1996 to 1997)
- Class Congress (1993 to 1997)

Other community-service work:

- N/A

Military service:

- N/A

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Single

Children:

- 0

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 7

Telephone number:

- 313-406-2109
- www.elect-walock.org

Answer #1

If elected, the single issue I will begin with will be expanding the Romulus Fire Department to include more full-time firefighters. In order to accomplish this, I would encourage other council members to think proactive instead of reactive; proactive would be preparing for any situation. I believe having full-time firefighters would help Romulus be prepared as a community.

Answer #2

When looking at the infrastructure,

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Michael L. Wojtylko**Michael L. Wojtylko****Age:**

- 55

Education:

- Graduate, Lincoln Park High School (Class of 1964)
- Numerous classes and seminars on supervision and problem-solving, Wayne County Community College Police Reserve Academy

Occupation (past and present):

- Supervisor, Voss Industries

Past and/or present memberships in school/government agencies, community-service groups, and/or churches:

- Romulus Police Reserves
- Former President, Romulus South Little League
- Former board member and coach, Little League
- Former committee chairman and den leader, Cub Scout Pack #1739
- Former coach and board member, Romulus Flyers
- Former referee for high-school basketball and football
- Former member, Romulus Recreation Commission
- Usher and eucharistic minister, St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Military service:

- U.S. Navy (1965 to 1968)

Marital status/name of spouse:

- Married 35 years to wife Sharon

Children:

- Six: Michael Jr., Kevin, Bryan, Matthew, Mark, & Natalie

Number of years living in Romulus:

- 26

Telephone number:

- 734-955-6402

Answer #1

The biggest single issue will be to try and get a retail development in the area of Wick and Vining. This could include a theater, restaurants, department stores, and grocery stores. I would

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Answer #3

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Answer #2

With new housing developments being constructed within the city now, it is even more important that we make this another priority in the next four years. As city leaders, we must do everything possible to keep our spending money within our community boundaries. It would also be a tremendous asset, as well, in the senior housing issue I just raised.

Answer #3

As I have stated previously, should I be elected to city council, I would *never* support any effort to curtail public comment. The current policy has been in existence since the time we became a city. People need to know that they are an important part in the decision-making process.

I also strongly believe that the current three-minute speaking limit is outdated. I believe that *any* resident should be given a reasonable amount of time to speak during public discussion. It is the

Answer #4

Greatest strength: being able to work with people of various backgrounds and opinions.

Greatest weakness: getting more residents to come to council meetings.

Answer #5

The reason that I am running for reelection is to continue working for the people and the community.

There are no *best* candidates. All of the people running are fine, upstanding individuals. □

duty of the council chairman to maintain order and control the meeting.

Answer #4

I cannot think of any "greatest" strength...that is why I am a candidate.

The greatest weakness is the "gotcha" mentality that is exhibited in many votes. I believe that, on several occasions during the current term, the city has been hurt by people basing their vote on the personality of the individual making a proposal, rather than on the proposal itself.


Answer #5

The late Senator Bobby Kennedy once said, "I see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I see things as they can be and say, 'Why not?'"

I see a vibrant city yearning for leadership. That is why I am seeking a council seat. I know that I can do a better job. I know that, with my previous city council experience, I can and *will* make an *immediate* impact should I be elected.

We need a councilman who will jump into the fight and work for the residents, not just sit back and simply react to issues that arise. We need a councilman who has a vision for the future and acts to make Romulus the best place to live and raise a family.

I can and will be that councilman if given the opportunity. □



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- A lifelong Romulus resident
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- Seven years as a Romulus City Councilman
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- ✓ **will** actively pursue and assist in attracting a grocery store to Romulus.
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primary concern at the present is to get the properties taken from Romulus by Wayne County onto the tax rolls. At present these properties are being held by Wayne County, which acquired them using noise abatement monies, and now they are proposing (forcing) a project that may not be turned over to private individuals or companies. I believe all council members agree that these properties must be sold and developed to ensure that the City of Romulus does receive taxes. I would like to add: all issues that are addressed to the City of Romulus are important.

Answer #2

Since Romulus has had a surge of growth in commercial and residential development during Mayor Oakley's administration, it is apparent that, to unite this community, a recreation facility must be located and designed to service all members of our city. It must be designed to accommodate families, youngsters, young adults, and senior citizens. The design of a recreation center must be done so that everyone will be proud of the finished product. All elected officials must commit to such a project.

Answer #3

It is my belief that all citizens have the right to address the city council. At the present time, citizens have an opportunity to speak during the discussion

portion of the agenda. Its three-minute rule has been successful – and, if more time is needed, council has the authority to grant more time upon request.

A citizen, upon request, may speak on an agenda item. If a motion is made and supported, public input would be denied. What has to be done is to improve the mechanism already in place to allow anyone to speak on a subject prior to a motion being put on the floor.

Answer #4

The council's greatest strength is that the seven individuals elected add their own expertise. All members of the current council have one objective, and that is to provide the best for this community and its citizens. Our greatest weakness is when council cannot accomplish a project that would enhance the community and improve the life of its citizens.

Answer #5

My reason for running for my fourth term is that there are some matters of unfinished business and other projects that I would like to complete. I have served as a health officer for Wayne County and I have knowledge of government operations and a feeling for the citizens I serve. I love Romulus – where I have chosen to live since 1966 – and I love its residents. I want to serve the community that has treated me so well and improve its quality of life. I'm not kidding when I say, "I love Romulus." □

Michael Wojtylko*continued from page 7*

try to get all council people and the mayor involved with this. A committee could be formed to talk to business leaders and work with them in the planning and building of such a retail area.

Answer #2

Recreation for our children would be a major development over the next four years. Currently we have no recreation center to keep our children busy. Neighboring communities have recreation centers that are the focal point of activities year-round. It is my understanding that there is federal funding for this type of building. Council would have to request information from the appropriate agency and could also check with neighboring communities on how they funded their centers.

Answer #3

The current three-minute time limit to address council is a good idea. I think that all comments should be addressed to the council chairman and if a citizen wants to speak for over three minutes, he/she should make this request when he/she is acknowledged as the person to address council. If a person desires to direct his/her comments to a specific

council person, he/she must make that request of the council chairperson when he/she is recognized.

Also, citizens should be given a chance to voice their opinions on items to be voted on before the council takes their vote. Remember: these are the people we represent.

Answer #4

The greatest strength is in the few who voice their opinions on items. The greatest weakness is that we have council people who appear to be rubber stamps and do not question anything.

Answer #5

I am running for council because I would like to bridge the gap between the city administration and the residents it is supposed to serve, and to see that Romulus gets the services from Wayne County that we are presently taxed for but not receiving. I would also like to make sure that Romulus benefits from Metro Airport.

I would be the best candidate because I would be available to the citizens of Romulus and would visit the neighborhoods to talk with the citizens and hear their concerns and ideas for bettering our city. □

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Plan to accomplish: I will continue to encourage the other council members to consider our current zoning and make recommendations for possible zoning changes. I will fight for first-class development and maintain a balance of industry, retail, and residential growth.

Answer #2

We have had more residential development in the past four years than probably the last 25 years. I would like to continue to pursue more positive residential developments.

Plan to accomplish: I will continue to work hard with the administration to bring more top-notch development. This will, of course, include planning for roads, sidewalks, street lights, sewer drains, and public safety.

Answer #3

There is *not* a controversy regarding how long citizens can speak. They can speak as long as they like when they file as a petitioner at the council meetings. They can speak for three minutes under public discussion, also regarding any subject they want.

The issue that has been blown into a political game is the fact that the public cannot comment while a motion is on the floor. The other issue of concern is that we have meeting procedures that are printed on the back of our agenda, but the city clerk has no proof that they were ever adopted.

I pressed for a study session to allow the council to review our attorney's letter and to address the procedures for

future meetings. The complete council agreed and wanted to wait until after the election to keep it from being political. Unfortunately, Councilwoman Debbie Romak decided to make it political.

I am in total support of free speech. I feel, as an elected official, that we have a duty to follow proper rules that we (as a council) have adopted. We should professionally agree or disagree, and carry out city business with integrity and class.

Answer #4

The strength of the current council is that most members are forward-thinking, professional leaders. A weakness is that we still need to raise the level of professionalism of our meetings. Not all members are looking at a long-term, strategic view of goals for our city.

Answer #5

I have lived my whole life in Romulus and I plan to raise my kids in our city. My father told me, as a kid, that if you want to make a difference or improve something, you must be willing to get involved.

I feel that if Romulus citizens give me the privilege to continue to serve, that is worth the sacrifice.

I feel that my strong family values help. I will always represent our city with a high level of integrity. My education and business experience will continue to produce excellent city decisions. I have very strong work ethics. My leadership skills have been proven to get results. I am dedicated to the long-term success of our community. □

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Donald Morris

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Answer #1

I cannot imagine a single issue being a primary concern. Development, roads, infrastructure, airport, tax revenue, and recreation are all very important issues. I can only hope that the next council will be very similar to the present council. These issues will be important to all council members.

Answer #2

You cannot have development without continuing to improve the infrastructure. Our police department is one of the finest. The fire department will continue to improve. This can be done with the revenue from increased development. I would favor a new recreation center. How to fund it will be the challenge. If the administration has a strong program that will help the community, the council should certainly support it.

Answer #3

I believe this controversy has been blown out of proportion. It is really a procedural problem. The council has scheduled study sessions on the problem. At the moment, the present policy seems to work until the council decides what to do or not do.

Answer #4

The council's strength is that it has been behind the administration's program on almost all issues. I cannot think of any weaknesses. For the past four years, this council has been one of the best in the history of Romulus.

Answer #5

I am running in order to serve my community. It is something that all Americans should strive to do in some fashion. My background in business gives me great insight on how the city should be run. Another great asset is that I care. I believe that I have the citizens' best interests at heart. □

Debbie Romak

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- Attract retail/grocery stores.
- Improving and creating more public services.
- Image – revitalize our community – no more stigma – we are not just an industrial city.
- More full-time firemen.
- Taxes.
- Tax abatements – why other cities are saying "no" and Romulus is still saying "yes."
- Environment – why are our risks and rates of cancer higher than the state average?
- Airplane noise and air pollution.
- Park expansions – as a community grows, so should the parks.
- New and creative zoning, open space.

All of these many issues can be accomplished with a well-thought-out plan that has established goals and a vision. I will again point out that we need to immediately update our master plan. View long- and short-term goals. Every city council member is very well aware that our master plan has not been updated for years. It takes years to plan for retirement, yet as a city we have no plan. It's time to address the heart of the city.

Answer #2

Residential development should be the foremost goal, making Romulus more marketable and desirable as the next community. Once a community grows, the other development follows: retail, recreation, and public safety. City council may help the administration by adopting an updated master plan. We must learn how other communities achieve their goals. Romulus spends TIFA dollars on infrastructure; others, such as Taylor, build a Sportsplex and senior centers.

Answer #3

Citizen participation is a very important issue. All citizens' views, issues, and concerns should be heard before council takes action. Most citizens are well aware of what part of the agenda they wish to speak under. I am not in support of limiting citizens' time to speak at council meetings. Citizens' input is the key to good government and good decision-making, and is what democracy is all about.

Answer #4

Greatest strength: we have developed and strengthened policies that support our community.

Greatest weakness: at times, there are not enough independent decision-makers.

Answer #5

I would like to continue to represent the voice of the citizens of the City of Romulus. Their concerns, issues, and views are always encouraged by me. Without their input, there is no democratic process.

My proven leadership, ability, and willingness to serve the public make me one of the best candidates. This year, I was the recipient of the first Petosky Award for outstanding leadership in protecting Michigan's environment. Other environmental achievement awards include one from the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor and the SEMOCH Award (making the quality of life better for working men and women). I have the experience and skills to anticipate the needs of our community and to develop strategies to meet those needs. Romulus must continue to grow in a socially and economically desirable manner. I believe I can achieve those goals if I am elected to Romulus City Council on November 6. □

Wandra Raspberry

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Answer #4

I see nothing but weakness with the city council. They talk out of turn, don't follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, and haven't come up with any new ideas or concepts. They just pass motions and make up rules as they go along. The mayor pro tem is also very weak.

Answer #5

Why would I be a good candidate of choice?

- I am an independent thinker.
- I will bring new ideas and concepts into the city.
- I will work hard to establish unity among the citizens, schools, and businesses.
- I'd like to see an upgrade of our older neighborhoods.
- I'd like to see an improvement in our infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks, lighting, etc.).

- I will continue the fight for the seniors and the disabled by establishing a new senior activity center with a therapeutic gym.
- I will continue the fight for the citizens of Romulus by addressing their needs, and will work extremely hard to implement a major grocery store chain and an outlet mall. I'd also like to see a lowering of our excessive water/sewer rates.
- I will continue to fight for a community recreation center that has been long overdue.
- I will continue to support our law enforcement with hopes of establishing mini-police stations in various areas throughout the community.
- I will continue the fight for serious environmental changes, cleanup, and monitoring of various waste disposal facilities within the boundaries of our city. □

Christopher Walock

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I believe that the city would need to expand our commercial retail industries in Romulus. Currently, more commercial areas are needed. Why is it that our residents should have to go to other cities for goods such as groceries, clothing, appliances, etc.? City council can help the administration by approving incentives (such as temporary tax breaks, property incentives, etc.) given to commercial industries that will benefit our community.

Answer #3

When a person wishes to speak on an agenda item, that person should fill out the slip and give it to the clerk before the agenda item is called for discussion. The person should speak before any motion is on the floor. Any other points of interest should be brought up during the discussion period of the agenda. In either instance, I do not see any reason for allowing a person more than three minutes to speak. If the chairman wishes to extend any person's time, he may do

so. Let us remember that a representative in the U.S. House only initially gets two minutes to address the body.

Answer #4

The greatest strength of our current city council is the ability to treat our city and the issues not just as a government, but as a business as well. The greatest weakness, for any governmental body, is the instance where political agendas are put ahead of the betterment of the community.

Answer #5

I am running for city council because if I am going to have a career in government, I have to start with the most basic and fundamental form of government. With city council so close to the people, it is the truest form of our system of government. As far as being the best candidate, I really cannot say that I am. I will say that I am ready to serve Romulus as best I can, which is with the utmost honesty and undivided attention to our community, and with nothing but enthusiasm. □



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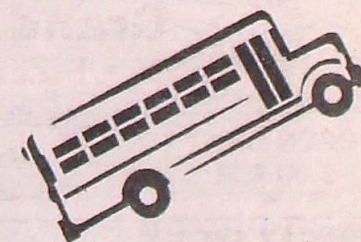
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Commentary: With Freedom Comes Responsibility

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However, those who wish to exercise their freedom of speech have certain responsibilities as well. They need to speak during the times which are provided during the meeting process. They need to stick to issues, not attack individuals. Their views must be grounded in fact, not distortions or untruths.

William Crova

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spend money in reference to water and sewer, and we have continued to add services to the people of Romulus, the main one being eight full-time firefighters. This is an area that I would like to see continued growth and the way that I would do this is working with the administration in reference to these issues.

Answer #2

To me, it's hard to pick one of the following topics that the question is related to. It's very similar to the first question in that all of these areas are important. A town is its people, so residential is very important. Commercial is important to offset some of the taxes that would be involved so that we can continue to supply additional services. I believe that retail is important as we continue to grow. With people in our town, we will have a greater need for retail, as we presently have a great need at this particular point in time. I truly believe that cooperation from the city council would be an easy thing for the administration to receive.

Answer #3

First of all, I believe that the people do have the right. I've always encouraged public involvement. I've always been a strong supporter of cable TV so that the people know exactly what is going on. It's my thoughts and experience at the planning commission level that the best way to have the public involved is:

(1) Explain to them what's going to happen. If there is a petitioner present at the council meeting, I believe that the petitioner first should explain to the au-

Their efforts must be focused on the good of the community, not for personal benefit or political gain.

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dience and the city council exactly what he or she is proposing.

(2) I believe that the citizens, if they wanted to, should have an opportunity to give input to the council in reference to these particular matters. I then believe that the council should deliberate on the thoughts and the presentation in front of them, and I believe a motion and support should then be made.

Answer #4

I believe that one of the strengths of the current city council is the professional manner in which the meetings are conducted. I believe that we, as a city council, have worked well together in the years that I have been involved. I believe that we will deliberate in reference to items. Sometimes we don't all agree. Sometimes we don't all disagree. We can do this in a very professional manner and, once that particular item is taken care of, we can go on to the next matter.

I'm very proud of the city council and the way that they have conducted themselves.

Answer #5

In one word, the reason I'm running for city council is because I *care*. I care about Romulus. I have lived in Romulus all my life, raised my family here, and carried on the family business in Romulus. As a Romulus property owner, taxpayer, business owner, husband, parent, and involved citizen, I am aware of the important, difficult issues facing our community.

I believe that I am very well qualified to continue serving the citizens of Romulus. □

Bill Wadsworth

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Although I am a County employee, I have been and remain outspoken on the airport's rapid expansion. Wayne County has purchased too much property and hasn't kept its promises on noise abatement for homeowners. I accept airport expansion, but issues concerning our residents must be addressed first before we agree to anything that Wayne County wants. It's time to stand up as elected officials and say, "Residents first, not Metro Airport." Let's stop Wayne County dictating what they want and let's protect our residents. We must not sacrifice the quality of life for our residents.

Answer #2

Again, to focus on one issue and not others would be wrong, but here are the issues I will pursue if reelected on November 6, 2001:

A. *Housing*: I favor continued growth of single-family homes and I am pleased with the three new subdivisions underway. I am concerned about the fact that not all city youth attend Romulus schools. Presently, they attend various out-of-town school districts, including Woodhaven and Wayne/Westland. My wife Jean and I are proud that all three of our sons attended Romulus schools, graduated, went on to receive college degrees, and are gainfully employed. This is a reflection of the fine teachers and other employees of the Romulus Community Schools. Finally, I encourage the city and school system to develop programs that will benefit all the residents.

B. *Roads*: During my first 18 years on council, many roads were paved; however, many still have to be paved. This is a priority and nothing less should be accepted. During winter months, roads must be kept open, and I feel that city workers are doing a fine job ensuring that it happens.

C. *Taxes & Tax Abatements*: I do not favor, nor will I vote for, any city tax increase. We must work with the current city millage and should look to roll tax millage back. On the subject of tax abatements, I believe that they have outlived their usefulness and the city should revisit this issue. Wayne County and the State of Michigan claim that Romulus has this airport gem for development. If that is the case, then let the developers pay their fair share of taxes.

D. *Hazardous Deep-well*: I am proud that I have been a total opponent of the deep-well project from day one. In 1989, I studied this proposal thoroughly and made a conscious decision that this was not in the best interest of our residents because it will have a negative impact on Romulus for years to come. Currently, Romulus is paying the price for environmental decisions made 40 to 50 years ago by our government. We must protect our residents and prohibit

anyone from tampering with our environment. I find no gray area on this issue: either you are for it or against it.

E. *Future issues*: There are many issues confronting our residents and city. First: a new animal shelter – *now*. (Speaking of animal shelters, I urge everyone: Don't forget – adopt a pet!) Second: reopen a downtown supermarket for our seniors and other residents. Third: enough airport expansion; it is time for residents first. Fourth: to explore joint programs between the city and school that would benefit all residents. Fifth: to complete the Wick Road Metro World development. Finally: to improve all basic city services – recreation, fire, police, DPW, and City Hall. Let's govern for the best interest of all Romulus residents, not just a chosen few.

Answer #3

My thoughts on when and how long residents should be allowed to speak at council meetings are very clear. Each resident has every right to speak and no elected official, because he or she disagrees with his or her opinion, should make it difficult to speak. This concept is totally unacceptable to this councilman and I feel it is happening today at our council level. In 1983, when I was first elected, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Banks, under the Rules of Council, defended the resident's right to speak. During the 18 years I've served on council, I have also defended residents' rights to speak at council meetings. I have no intention of changing these rules to inhibit a resident's right to speak. If anything, I would make these rules more liberal for the residents. If any elected officials feel that they have the power to stop the public from speaking because they don't agree with them, do the public a favor – don't run for public office.

Answer #4

I believe that the greatest strength of the current city council is that we usually stand together when issues of a serious nature are placed before us. The greatest weakness I find is that some members take personal stands against individuals and don't vote in the best interest of all the residents. This concept is totally unacceptable to this councilman, and I would hope that present and future elected officials would never govern this way.

Answer #5

On November 6, I will run for a ninth term because I care about my city and our residents. I want to help the city continue improving basic services and recreation for everyone. I am also a taxpayer, and I am concerned about how our tax dollars are spent.

I feel that elected officials should not promise anything that we can't deliver.

I would personally like to wish all candidates good luck in the election, and encourage all citizens to vote. □



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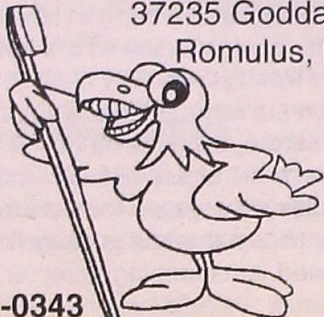


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- Trick-or-Treat before dark.
- Be cautious of animals & strangers.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see & be seen easily.
- Visit homes that you know & that have the porch light on.
- A face mask may obstruct your vision; use makeup instead.
- Accept your treats at the door & never go into a stranger's house.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, & be seen.
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lit.
- Trick-or-Treat with a parent, older brother, sister, or friends. Never travel alone.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- Walk, slither, & sneak on sidewalks; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Keep away from open fires & candles. (Keep in mind that costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating. Don't eat candy if the package is open.
- Look LEFT, RIGHT, then LEFT AGAIN before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, & low-flying brooms. Cross *only* at corners.
- Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible. (Remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, & brooms, too!)

FOR PARENTS

- Your child should know his/her phone number & address.
- Dress children in shoes that fit. Large-size shoes make it easier to trip & fall.
- Limit the use of "weapons" as part of the costume. If you allow a weapon, be sure it is soft & flexible.
- When you inspect the treats, be sure they have not been tampered with & are safely sealed. Be careful with fruit, as punctures are easily missed.



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Delicious Party Treats for Halloween

Although many adults celebrate Halloween by attending or throwing parties, October 31 is truly appreciated – and much anticipated – by children. It is the kids who spend weeks preparing costumes and decorations, as well as conjuring up scare tactics for their friends and family.

Halloween parties for kids are an excellent alternative to the traditional "trick-or-treating" (a custom which has caused concern for parents in recent years). You can make your child's party special by conjuring up some goodies that are as decorative as they are delicious. Here are a couple to start you off.

Frozen Jack-O'-Lanterns

(preparation time: 30 minutes)

12 navel oranges

1/2 gallon dark chocolate or fudge ice cream

12 whole cinnamon sticks

Cut off tops of oranges. Gently hollow out pulp (reserve for another use), leaving a thick shell; hollow pulp out of cut-off tops, too. Cut jack-o'-lantern faces into each orange. Pack scoops of ice cream into shells (avoid letting ice cream ooze out through eyes or mouth). Cut a hole in top of each orange. Set tops back on, over ice cream, and insert a cinnamon-stick stem through the hole. Place in freezer for at least 3 hours or until serving time.

Broomsticks

(preparation time: 40 minutes)

1/2 cup warm water

1/2 cup warm milk

2 tablespoons butter, softened

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon sugar

1 active dry yeast (rapid-rise)

2 1/2 to 3 cups flour

1 egg white, beaten with 1 tablespoon water

2 tablespoons poppy seeds (optional)

Stir water, milk, and butter together in a large mixing bowl. Add sugar and salt, then sprinkle on the yeast. Let stand for about a minute, then stir to dissolve. Add 1 cup of flour and beat until smooth. Add 1 1/2 cups more flour, or enough to make a soft, manageable dough. Turn out on a lightly floured surface and knead for 1 minute; let rest for 10 minutes.

Resume kneading until dough is smooth and elastic, adding remaining flour as necessary. Place in oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 2 baking sheets.

Punch dough down. Knead briefly, then divide into 24 pieces. Roll each piece between your hands or back and forth on a board until you have a 9-inch pencil shape. Slash one end with 4 gashes about 2 inches deep. Give the end a "twist" and spread gashes slightly to resemble broomstick straws. Place broomsticks on prepared baking sheets. Brush with egg white and sprinkle "handles" with poppy seeds, if desired. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Let cool. □

A Healthy Teeth Tip for Halloween

The American Dental Association recommends that children eat their Halloween treats after regular meals, then brush their teeth afterward. Remember that children need supervision while brushing until age seven or eight. Since young children tend to swallow toothpaste, use a pea-sized amount on their toothbrushes. □

Creating Papier-mâché Masks

To avoid the high price tag of today's store-bought costumes – and let your creative juices flow, as well – why not help children make their own masks this Halloween?

Papier-mâché masks are more lightweight and breathable than their rubber and plastic counterparts, and they're as easy to make as they are fun to wear.

Start with a blown-up balloon, plenty of old newspapers, and a fifty-fifty mixture of Elmer's Glue-All® and water. Use wet, unglued strips of newspaper to make the first layer of cover for the balloon. Then dip strips into the Elmer's Glue mixture, pulling each strip between your fingers to squeeze out any excess, and wrap four or five more layers around the balloon. Apply one layer crosswise

on the balloon, the next up-and-down, and so on. Alternate newspaper and colored comics to help you see which layer you're on.

When thoroughly dry, split into two sections (front and back) and remove the balloon. Cut small openings in each mask for the eyes and mouth.

Paint the entire surface with glue tinted pink, yellow, or green with food coloring. Let dry and paint or add on features. Try using small pieces of paper dipped in the glue-water mixture, squeezed out, and molded into heavy lips, a pointed nose, or heavy eyebrows. For a comic clown, use a plastic red ball for a nose, a paper cup for a hat, and yarn for hair. Paint on a broad red grin and attach big, round ears. □

Romulus Community Memorial Service Was Memorable Affair



The memorial service was well attended by local dignitaries and clergy.

The combined efforts of the Romulus Ministerial Association, the City of Romulus, and the Romulus Community Schools resulted in an extremely uplifting experience on October 11, when a program entitled "A Time To Remember - A Time To Pray" was presented in the Romulus High School auditorium. The event featured remarks from area dignitaries, outstanding music, and inspirational themes from members of the clergy.

Among these welcoming members of the community were Mayor William M. Oakley, Police Chief Charles Kirby, Fire Chief David Allison, Romulus Schools Superintendent Joel R. Carr, and the school district's Coordinator of Academic Service Learning, Kathy Hurst. Members of the clergy offered many points of reflection, including the Responsive Reading by Major Terrance Nelson of the Salvation Army, the Invocation by master of ceremonies Reverend William Kren of Community United Methodist Church, a Scripture Reading by Reverend Rita Talley of the First Baptist Church, Inspirational Thoughts by Reverend Frank Howard of the Living Rock Church, a Special Message from Reverend Arthur Willis of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, and the Benediction by Reverend Steve Adams of the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Ellen Bragg, receptionist for the school district's administrative office, served as the organizer and conductor of the two outstanding choirs that took part in the program. The Community Youth Choir featured Romulus school children from the second grade all the way through high school singing, "Let There Be Peace On Earth." The Adult Community Choir offered its rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and received a standing ovation from the crowd. The 33-voice choir, which features many strong, experienced singers, had the audience standing and swaying to its outstanding "light jazz" version of this patriotic standard. Bragg also sang "America The Beautiful" to another standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

Reverend Willis, President of the Romulus Ministerial Association, gave a very inspirational talk about the events of September 11, the consequences of these events, and the challenges that lie ahead. He pointed out the good things that have resulted from the tragedy, including pride in America, the resurgence of values, and the courage and determination shown by our citizens. The thought-provoking oratory from Reverend Willis helped everyone go forward and feel better about facing our new world. □



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The Romulus Community Choir, under the able leadership of Director Ellen Bragg (far right), presented a rousing version of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Community Continues Outpouring of Support



Carly Rowe donated her tips to the Red Cross Relief Fund.

Despite continuing repercussions from the September 11 terrorist attacks, communities across America are demonstrating their spirit, strength, and unity by doing one of the things that they do best – helping their fellow man. The City of Romulus is no exception.

For example . . .

Waitress Donates Tips

Carly Rowe, a 22-year-old college student who waits tables at Romulus Lanes/Walter's Bar on Huron River Drive, recently donated two days worth of tips – a total of \$700 – to the Red Cross Relief Fund, and got Comerica Bank to agree to match her donation.

"I'm really proud of all the good people who came in and gave so generously to this worthy cause," Rowe said. "When all of us give just a little, it can add up to a lot very quickly."



Employees at Serta, Restokraft Mattress Company collected \$1,000 for New York's Disaster Relief Fund, then got their company to match it.

Serta Mattress Gives Support

Barbara March, Quality Controller at Serta, Restokraft Mattress Company, rallied employees at the company's Jay-kay Drive plant to support New York's Disaster Relief Fund by collecting donations. The group made a "thermometer" chart to keep track of their progress toward the \$1,000 goal they established.

Larry Kraft, owner/President of Serta, was so impressed with the heartfelt dedication of his employees that he vowed to match whatever amount was raised.

"We have a great group of employees with very big hearts," said Kraft, "and I felt it was my responsibility to show support to not only the victims of this devastating tragedy, but also my employees who have pulled together to make a difference."

Metro Charter Academy Raises Cash, Gets Creative

On Friday, October 5, students and staff members at Metro Charter Academy presented a check for \$1,836.53 to the American Red Cross for the Disaster Relief Fund. The students also made cards for the police and fire departments in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Principal Andrew Cook is proud of his students and staff, not just for their fund-raising efforts but also because of the enormous amount of work that they put into two truly spectacular art projects that display the school's patriotic spirit. One – a mural of the American flag – has stripes created from the handprints of more than 450 children and employees. The other – a city skyline that spans the entire length of a hallway – is

dedicated to the people of New York City.

Ribbons Made By Teacher, Students, Promote Patriotic Spirit

Michelle Hill, an American history teacher at Romulus High School, has organized a project that promoted patriotic spirit at the school. She and members of her class made 800 red, white, and blue ribbons to give out to other students. The top ribbon-makers were Sarah Williams and Cathy Caldwell, who made about half of the total.

Merriman Students 'Comfort the Kids'

Students at Merriman Elementary School donated 184 teddy bears to the WCSX-FM 94.7 "Comfort the Kids" relief effort. The bears will soon make their way to the children of New York City.

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Sarah Williams (right), a freshman at Romulus High School, pins one of the hundreds of patriotic ribbons she made on American history teacher Michelle Hill. The flag box in the background was made by students in the Romulus Head Start program.



Spanish teacher Christine Feisel (back, left) and student representatives (front, from left) Tia Hall (sixth grade), Shelby Wilson (third grade), Amanda Bowman (fifth grade), Stephen Allen (fourth grade), Alfred Horton (second grade), and Jillian Loshavo (first grade) from Metro Charter Academy presented Red Cross volunteers Kay McAlinden and Shawn McAlinden with a check for more than \$1,800.

Romulus Supports Relief Efforts

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Barth Students Plan, Conduct Own Fund-raiser

When Barth sixth-graders Jeevon Lee, Jeff Makowski, and Rick Schonscheck approached teacher Rob Baty with their idea for a fund-raiser to benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, he gave them the go-ahead, on one condition: they had to accept responsibility for all aspects of the program.

The boys soon set out to prove themselves equal to the challenge.

"They developed their own program for promotion, collected the funds, and even made red ribbons to hand out to donors," said Baty.

Not only did the boys meet – and surpass – their established goal of \$500, but they also convinced both Sylvia Makowski, Jeff's mom, and TRW of Livonia, her employer, to match the amount raised (up to \$500) by the students and staff members.

Barth Principal Diane Golka said she was "very proud" of both the initiative and independent organizational skills demonstrated by her students.

New Elementary Wastes No Time Getting into Spirit of Sharing

Under the supervision of Selassica O'Flynn, social worker, students and staff at the new Romulus Elementary School conducted a coin drive held the week of September 17.

"We are proud to share that our students donated a total of \$588.24," said O'Flynn, who smiled as she added, "not to mention the many arcade tokens and Mexican pesos that we also received."

O'Flynn provided the following tally for those interested in knowing the number of coins and dollar bills collected and/or practicing their money math skills.

- \$20 bills: 1
- \$5 bills: 1
- Canadian \$5 bills: 2
- Canadian \$2 coins: 1
- \$1 bills: 71
- \$1 coins: 1
- Canadian \$1 coins: 1
- Half-dollars: 3
- Quarters: 586
- Canadian quarters: 12
- Dimes: 1,123
- Canadian dimes: 34
- Nickels: 1,051
- Canadian nickels: 26
- Pennies: 15,740

"Our students did an outstanding job, and not only proved that there are still many caring and concerned people in this world, but that there are children that care and will give what they have to Make a Difference!" she concluded.


Editor's note: Let us help you share the details of your individual, group, or business fund-raiser with the community. Call 734-941-1907 for more info. □



Merriman teacher Erika Daman (right) and students Carmelina Ohanem and Donte Sharpley show off a few of the 184 teddy bears they donated to the WCSX "Comfort the Kids" relief effort.



Barth sixth-graders – including (from left) Rick Schonscheck, Jeff Makowski, Jeevon Lee, and Sylvia Stewart – organized their own fund-raiser for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.



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Selassica O'Flynn (back, second from left), social worker at Romulus Elementary School, organized and led a coin drive that raised \$588 in the spirit of sharing. Among the many students and staff members who took part in the drive were (from left): front row – Sean Crawford, Aaliyah Eatmon, Andrea Schiffer, and Jesse McAnally; back row – Darrin Schmitzer, Felicia Martin, Jennifer Perry, Dawone Allison, Gail Thompkins (Intervention Room specialist), and Shauna Pittman.

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The Mayor's Chair

Memorial Service Participants Thanked

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

On behalf of the entire community of Romulus, I would like to thank the Romulus Ministerial Association for offering our citizens the touching, spiritual, and patriotic Community-wide Memorial Service entitled, "A Time To Remember and a Time To Pray." The purpose of this service – held in the Romulus High School auditorium on Thursday, October 11 – was to allow the community to come together and express our sorrow, faith, and resolve in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

As Reverend William Kren of the Community United Methodist Church remarked to me over the telephone during the planning of the service, "It will be good for the community. We need it." Indeed we did, Reverend Kren, and many thanks to you for making it a reality.

Joining Reverend Kren were Major Terrance Nelson of the Salvation Army, Reverend Rita Talley of the First Baptist Church, Reverend Frank Howard of the

Living Rock Church, Reverend Steve Adams of Romulus Wesleyan Church, and the President of the Romulus Ministerial Association, Reverend Arthur Willis of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church. I had the honor of sharing the stage with these distinguished leaders, along with Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools; Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby; and Romulus Fire Chief David Allison. Over 300 people filled the auditorium.

This event could not have been possible without the tireless efforts of many other people – people who gave of their time and talents, not for glory, but for their community. As I have said so many times in the past, it is the spirit of giving that has always made Romulus the place that it is.

For those who could not be there, the program will be aired on cable at a later date. I invite you to watch. For those of you who were there, I know that you join me in earnest pride for our beloved city and our great country.

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Red Ribbon Week Has Anti-drug Theme

The Romulus Mayor's Substance Abuse Task Force will once again be sponsoring Red Ribbon Week activities in the Romulus Community Schools.

During the week of October 23–31, students in grades kindergarten through three will be making drawings with an anti-drug theme on grocery-type paper bags, while students in the fourth through sixth grades will write essays on a simi-

lar theme.

All of the students will receive a book mark for their participation; winners from each classroom will receive a T-shirt, as well.

Secondary students will also write an anti-drug essay. Winners will be invited to join Mayor William M. Oakley for lunch at the Romulus High School Eagles Nest in December. □



Mayor William M. Oakley presents Romulus Board of Education Vice-president Debbie Dick with a \$4,700 check from the Mayor's Drug Task Force to fund this year's Red Ribbon Week activities.

School Bus Safety Week

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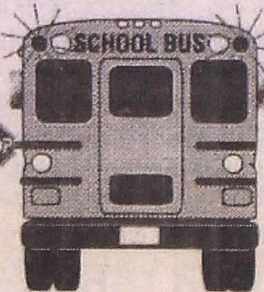
Learning the basics of school bus safety can help prevent unfortunate injuries. We encourage parents to discuss the "Ten Rules of School Bus Safety" with their children.

School Bus Stops: What Every Driver Must Know

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The Ten Rules of School Bus Safety for Children

1. **Be on time.** Each year, children are injured while chasing buses that they have missed. To avoid accidents, students should be at the bus stop five to ten minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

2. **Never run to or from the bus.** As in any traffic situation, walking is the safest way to travel. This is especially true when considering how children often dart into busy streets. A child who is running takes three to five steps to stop; a child who is walking can stop in a single step. Young children should always walk across streets.

3. **Stand back from the curb.** Students should wait for a ride in a safe area at least ten feet away from where the bus will stop. Children should avoid walking toward the bus as it pulls toward the stop.

4. **Don't push or shove.** Any aggressive activity, whether at the bus stop or on the bus, is dangerous. Pushing or shoving near the bus can cause a child to slip under the bus and out of sight of the driver. Aggressive behavior on the bus can distract the driver.

5. **Stay in your seat.** There are two reasons for staying in your seat. First, most school buses have no seat belts, and their padded seats will work to protect passengers only when seated. Second, moving about on the bus can distract the driver, contributing to a crash.

6. **Don't yell or shout.** While talking on the bus is acceptable, yelling or shouting is not. This can be distracting to drivers who take their eyes off the road to check on passengers.

7. **Obey the driver.** To ensure maximum safety, children should follow the directions of Michigan's experienced and highly trained school bus drivers. Encourage students to help drivers make the ride to and from school the safest it can be.

8. **Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.** If your school uses a driver's signal to assist in crossing students, children should look in all directions and wait for the driver's signal to cross. School districts have the option of whether to use a signal, which, if used, must be the same throughout the district.

9. **Cross at least ten giant steps in front of the bus.** On many school buses, a seated driver cannot see children in front of the bus until the students are fifteen to twenty feet away. Any child crossing the street in front of the bus should be at least ten giant steps in front of the bus.

10. **Never crawl under the school bus.** Young students are often tempted to crawl under the bus to capture papers that fly from their hands. Parents should teach young riders never to go under a bus for any reason. Students should tell the driver if a paper, ball, or backpack is out of sight so that the driver can retrieve it safely with the bus shut off and in no danger of running over a child.

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District To Install New Phone System

Romulus Community Schools will soon be installing a new telephone system that will make use of the newly installed fiber-optic connections between all district buildings. The date for the changeover is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend.

"The WAN (wide-area network) installed over the summer will make it possible for Focal Communications to provide cost-free phone calls between all district buildings, as well as reduced-rate building-to-community calls," explained district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "The high-speed fiber-optic lines will also have backup power sources to enable phone calls in case of power-outages."

Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools, added, "The district will now

have the same exchange (first three numbers) for all of its phone numbers, eliminating long-distance calls between buildings." Currently, many of the district schools have different exchanges, and one requires long-distance service.

Carr also noted, "The average cost per call between buildings is about eight cents. Thus, the new system will result in considerable savings over time."

William Routhier, the district's Director of Business and Operations, assures parents that the new phone numbers will be provided to the community in advance, and that AT&T will provide information services to help people adjust to the new phone numbers. □

RHS Junior, Julian Lambert, Chosen for Detroit Civic Jazz Orchestra

Julian Lambert, a junior at Romulus High School, was recently selected as a member of the Detroit Civic Jazz Orchestra, reports district spokesperson Dick Kruse.

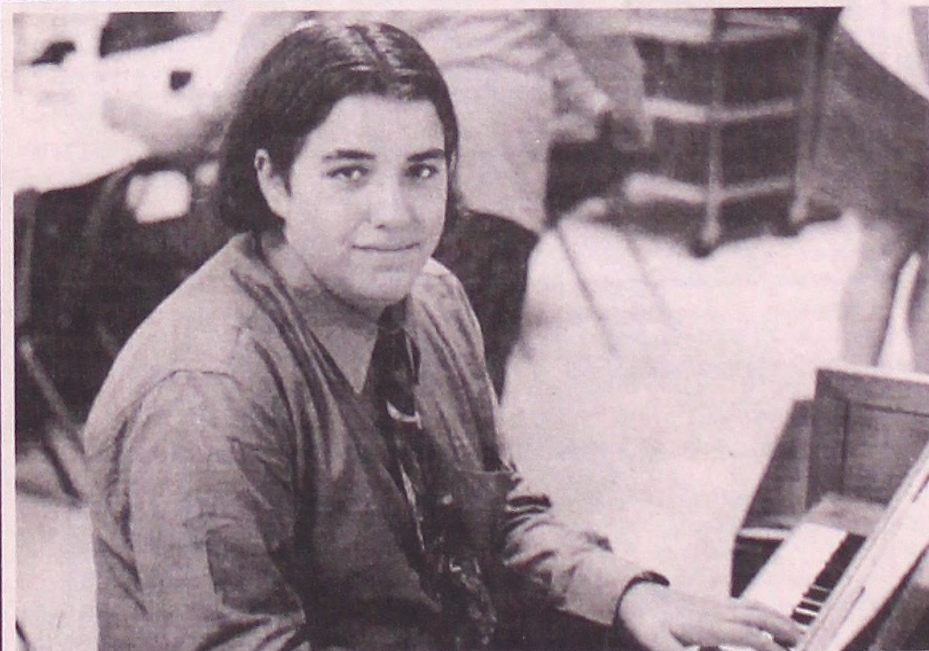
"Lambert is a specialist in two instruments, with experience in the award-winning Romulus High School Jazz Band as both a trombonist and a pianist," said Kruse. "He earned a spot in the prestigious group through a competitive audition."

Kruse explained that the Civic Jazz Orchestra is designed to give young Detroit-area musicians performance experience and a chance to interact with outstanding area jazz performers. One of the biggest skills to be stressed will be the area of improvisation, with the thought that students will be able to

enhance their jazz ideas while learning from each other and resident experts.

This year's Civic Jazz Orchestra coaches are native Detroiters with international performing and recording careers who also have a sincere desire to teach the art of jazz to young musicians. Coaches for the 2001-2002 season are famed trumpeter and educator Marcus Belgrave, jazz bassoonist Rodney Whitaker, and saxophonist Kenny Garrett.

Lambert says he is looking forward to this unique educational opportunity. He also enjoys performing in the Romulus area, often accompanying other groups on the piano. His most recent performance was with the Romulus Youth Choir at the Romulus Community Memorial Service, held October 10. □



RHS junior Julian Lambert was recently selected to perform with the Detroit Civic Jazz Orchestra. Lambert is reportedly an outstanding trombonist and pianist.

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Halecreek Hosts "Muffins for Moms"



Halecreek Elementary School's "Muffins for Moms" program was well attended. Participants included (from left) Jenna, Jacob, and Marcia Hopkins; Jazmyn and June Jones; and Joanna, Katelyn, and Lori Rodgers.

Football Players Mentor Youngsters



RHS football players Steve Moore (left) and Fred Harbor talk weekly with students like (from left) Darian Cottle and Larlee Cohen (seated) and Elaine Charles and Cheyenne Chapman about the importance of good grades.

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REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, September 24, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Alan R. Lambert.

Roll call showed all Board members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lambert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

9/01/10 Moved by Dick supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

9/01/11 Moved by Dick supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 10, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

EMPLOYMENT: Lisa Ramandanes, Sixth-grade Teacher, Romulus Elementary, Effective September 21, 2001.

9/01/12 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resignations - FYI

Terri Crowell, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective August 28, 2001; Suzanne Hoth-Frederick, Cafeteria, High School, Effective August 28, 2001; Carl Lowe, Student Advisor, Middle School, Effective September 19, 2001; and Margo Wright, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective August 27, 2001.

Employment - FYI

Marilyn Wasson, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary, Effective September 24, 2001. Addendum: Brenda Andersen, Paraprofessional, Title I, Halecreek Elementary, Effective September 11, 2001; Roxanne Debozy, French Fryer and General Utility Person, Middle School, Effective September 17, 2001; Kathy Montney, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective September 5, 2001.

Termination - FYI

Jason Hopkins, Auto Lab Technician, High School, Effective September 13, 2001.

Bills for Payment

9/01/13 Moved by Dick supported by McCraight that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Climate Committee

Jeffery Royal, Diane Golka, Chris Powers, Doug Hoffman, Sue Mitchell, Sandra MacDonald, Shirley Lamberson, Gail Thompkins, and Sandra Tenney appeared before the Board of Education to give an update on plans for the 2001-2002 school year.

Millage Levy

9/01/14 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer that the Board of Education adopt

the following levy for the 2001 winter tax collection. All property: 2.25 mills Debt. Homestead: 6.60 mills Hold Harmless. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MEAP Report

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, provided the Board of Education with handouts relative to MEAP scores. Romulus schools' MEAP scores improved and were much higher than those of area charter schools.

MASB - Appoint Delegates

Voting Delegates for MASB Delegate Assembly: April Frayer, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight.

WCASB - Legislation Committee

Betty Lenossi to serve on the Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) Legislation Committee.

Weekly Enrollment Report

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, provided the Board of Education with the Weekly Enrollment Report indicating an increase of 29 students for the Fall 2001 count.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Kelly Cawthorne - Capitol Reports; (2) Communication - Representative Basham; (3) Wayne County Information Campaign - Special Education Millage and Three-year Agreement with Wayne County RESA; (4) RHS Athletic Eligibility; (5) Cory School Volunteer News; (6) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; (7) RHS Parent Newsletter; (8) Wick Elementary Newsletter; (9) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; (10) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; (11) Halecreek Elementary Annual Report; (12) Merriman Elementary Annual Report; (13) RHS Annual Report; (14) Wick Elementary Annual Report; and (15) The Merriman Star.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Debbie Dick questioning use of Middle School Gym - not ready. Dick - red, white, and blue ribbons in support of victims of 9-11-01 tragedy - Comerica to match funds received. Also commented on coaches for soccer and basketball doing well. Billy McCraight complimented improvements made on athletic field. April Frayer questioned the elementary report cards and as to whether second-grade students should receive letter grades. (Report cards being reviewed by administrative team and staff.) Betty Lenossi addressed concern about kindergarten class size. Alan Lambert addressed concern about size of lunches now being served.

ADJOURNMENT:

9/01/15 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy McCraight, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Flyers Hold Annual Membership Meeting** – The Annual Membership Meeting for the Romulus Athletic Club "Flyers" will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, in the Romulus Recreation Center. All card-carrying members are encouraged to attend.
- **Church Hosts "Study Hall"** – The Belleville Church of God is sponsoring a new weekly program, called "Study Hall," for middle- and high-school-age students. Held each Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church (45170 Hull Road, just east of Sumpter Road), the program will provide youths with a quiet place to study and complete their assignments. Adults will be on hand to provide guidance, resources, supplies, and insight, if needed. No religious instruction or structured teaching will be given. Dinner will be provided. Rides can be obtained by calling 734-325-2682.
- **St. Aloysius Youth Groups Hosts Halloween Party** – The St. Aloysius Youth Group – open to all area residents ages six through teens (most activities divided into junior and senior groups) – invites interested young people to attend its upcoming Halloween Party, to be held in the Church basement on Friday, October 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Julie Wadsworth or Stacey Prater at 734-941-3340 any weekday between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- **Health-o-Rama** – The Nurses' Guild of First Baptist Church (11412 Delano, Romulus) will host a Health Fair sponsored by Oakwood Community Healthcare System on Sunday, October 28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The event will include a blood-pressure/cholesterol screening and pneumonia/influenza immunizations. Blood-pressure screenings are complimentary. Fees for the other services are: pneumonia immunization – \$25; influenza immunization – \$15; and cholesterol screening – \$4 (fasting not required). Some fees covered by Medicare Part B (must bring Medicare card). For additional information, call 734-941-3594 or 941-0225.
- **The Boys Next Door** – The Woodhaven High School Drama Department will perform *The Boys Next Door* in the school auditorium (24787 Van Horn Road, Brownstown) from Thursday, November 1, through Saturday, November 3 (all shows at 7:30 p.m.). The play is a compassionate comedy about four mentally challenged group-home residents, their social worker, and a collection of crises that run the gamut from sentiment to slapstick. Genuine and funny, this production offers a look at an endearing assortment of characters as they strive for love, laughter, and acceptance. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for students and senior citizens.
- **Craft Auction** – The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery will hold its annual craft auction at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street, New Boston) on Wednesday, November 7. Door prizes, raffles, and refreshments will be part of the fun. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; auction at 6:30 p.m.
- **Free Thanksgiving Craft Class** – Children in grades K–6 are invited to take part in a Thanksgiving craft class being offered at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 10. Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Youtheatre Offers Seven Potato More!** – Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (for children ages three to six; no one under three will be admitted to the theater) will present *Seven Potato More!* on Saturday, November 10 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, November 11 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group discounts are available. For more information, please call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #157 (29841 Van Born Road) at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 19. Pizza and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual "Person of the Year" award. Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the community is eligible. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Chamber office (734-326-4290). Deadline for return is January 1, 2002.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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School Dedication Set for October 30

Romulus Community Schools has announced that a dedication ceremony for the new Romulus Elementary School will be held on Tuesday, October 30, at 9:30 a.m. All local residents are invited to attend this historic occasion, which will take place at the school (located on Beverly Road west of Henry Ruff).

School district and city officials, community leaders, and representatives from construction management company Barton Malow and architect Kingscott Associates, as well as the students and staff of Romulus Elementary, will be present at what should prove to be a memorable event.

Dick Kruse, district spokesperson, reports that the ceremonies will include the presentation of a sizable plaque dedicating the school, a photograph of the school, and a large

mural signed by the school's students.

Romulus Elementary is one of the major components of the 1999 \$34-million bond program, and will help provide much-needed classroom space in the rapidly expanding northern areas of Romulus. The 53,000-square-foot school features three Computer Aided Instruction Centers (CAICs) and over 200 computers for the 346 students enrolled.

"Our attractive facility is a centerpiece in the Gateway Golf Club Estates subdivision," said Kruse, "and serves students from both the Gateway Estates and the new, upscale Pine Village apartments on Van Born Road as well as the older, established northeastern neighborhoods.

"We hope that residents from these neighborhoods and the rest of the community will join us for our celebration," he added. □

Ash and Beasley Lead Romulus High School's Lady Eagles to 5-4 Record

Romulus High School's Lady Eagles basketball team is off to a decent start under first-year coach Rhonda McAllister. Led by starters Tiffany Ash and Patrice Beasley, they have accumulated an overall record of 5-4, while going 3-2 in the Mega Blue Division.

Coach McAllister, who had previous experience as the JV coach at Livonia Ladywood, is enthusiastic about her team, and sees "a lot of potential" in the future.

One of the young stars, Beasley, is

also one of the top female athletes in Michigan. At the State Track and Field Championships last spring, she scored all 15 Lady Eagle points, leading to a fourteenth-place finish among the Division II teams. She placed in a remarkable three events, finishing third in the 100-meter dash, fourth in the 400-meter dash, and fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Beasley was named to the All-State Track Team in each of the three events, and is looking forward to even greater accomplishments this spring. □



Seniors Tiffany Ash and Patrice Beasley are the leaders of Romulus High School's Lady Eagle basketball team, which has a 5-4 record.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications for the November 6 city election are now available in the Clerk's office at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road at Goddard Road). For more information, call 734-942-7540.

Flu Shots

Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center will be at the Romulus Senior Center to administer flu shots on Monday, October 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is not yet known. Sign up at the Center.

Mammograms

The Karmanos mobile mammo-gram unit will be at the Romulus Senior Center on Friday, November 16, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call for details.

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer on Thursday, October 25, at 9:30 a.m. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Halloween Hoedown** (October 31; \$59);
- **Biloxi/New Orleans** (November 4-10; \$527);
- **Soaring Eagle Casino** (November 11; \$12);
- **Turtle Creek/Traverse Bay** (November 17-18; \$85);
- **Kewadin Casino/Sault Ste. Marie** (November 26-27; \$99); and
- **Holly Jolly Mystery** (December 1-3; \$399).

Pot Luck

The Senior Center will host its annual Halloween pot luck and costume party at the Center on Friday, October 26, beginning at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most colorful, funniest, and best "famous person" costumes. Main dish will be fried chicken; please notify the Center of the dish you plan to bring when you sign up. Cost is \$2, or \$5.50 for those who do not wish to cook.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces always welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, November 19, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's Tele-Care program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

Transportation Update

Just a reminder about recent changes in the Romulus Senior Center's transportation program.

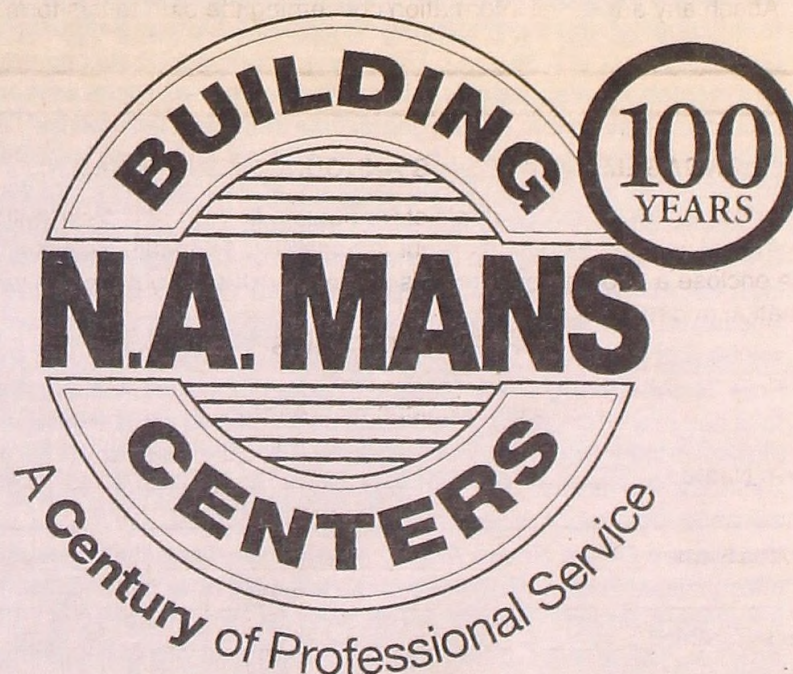
- Transportation is now available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Transportation on Wednesdays and Fridays varies according to staff availability.
- The cost to travel from one point in Romulus to another – round-trip or one-way – is \$1, with an additional \$.50 charge for each extra stop.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Annapolis Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Belleville Oakwood area is \$3.
- The round-trip cost from Romulus to the Heritage Oakwood area is \$6.
- It is advisable to make your appointment for pickup at least 24 to 48 hours in advance, since the schedule fills up quickly.
- Special transportation requests may be approved.
- There is still no charge for transportation to and from the Senior Center.

To make your appointment, please call 734-942-6852. □



Mary Sawyer (standing), manager of Comerica Bank on Goddard Road, congratulates (from left) Dorothy Waldt, Ruth Bierl, Doris Mackie, and Mickey Durham, who were among the many Romulus Tower residents who raised and/or donated hundreds of dollars for the disaster relief effort, then turned in the money to Comerica's fund-matching program.

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The Stork Arrived

Amy Coomer

Dave and Laura Coomer of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Amy Ellen Coomer.

Born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 6:33 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2001, Amy weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 20 1/4 inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were her big brothers, Ian (age 14) and Nick (age 9); her paternal grandparents, Roscoe and Barbara Coomer (Belleville, MI); and her maternal grandparents, Dave and Corky Larson (Clarkston, MI).



Amy Ellen Coomer

Samantha Hatfield

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Samantha Marie Hatfield, are Jeff and Angela Hatfield of Romulus, Michigan.

Samantha was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 8:27 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2001, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were her big brother, Jeremy (age 4); her paternal grandparents, Jesse and Beverly Hatfield; and her maternal grandparents, Dave and Diane Terry (all of Romulus). □



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Obituary

Robert L. Burek

Robert L. Burek of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 7, 2001. He was 61 years old.

Robert—a native of Detroit—was born on March 10, 1940. He was the owner of several area businesses, including the Snacks Bar (Detroit), Stables (Livonia), and the Silver Saloon (Garden City), and also owned the Taylor Queen Ice Cream Shop from 1986 to 2000.

Surviving him are his wife, Dianna Burek; a daughter, Annette (Paul Jr.) Apsley (Romulus); a grandson, Spencer Apsley; and two brothers, Ronald and Donald Burek (Florida).

A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 11, at St. Alfred Catholic Church (Taylor), with Father John Hawkins officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □

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